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Beatings Blamed for Flight That Ended After Robberies

Driven to flight from the State Home by what they described as gross brutality on the part of attendants, two escapes from the Eldridge institution were captured last night after they had robbed two homes and attempted to draw a rifle on arresting officers.

The pair, Jessie Miler, 21-year-old negro from Los Angeles, and Nick Turcinovich, 19, committed from Oakland, asserted that they had been beaten with taped clubs and loaded rubber hoses and choked with towels in Paxton hall at the home, and pleaded with sheriff's aides:

"Please, can't you get them to send us to Preston, or San Quentin."

"Rather Be Shot"

"I know that I could make good if you'd send me to San Quentin, but I'd rather be taken out into the yard and shot than go back to Eldridge," Turcinovich asserted.

The two fled from the state home early Thursday. Both of the homes entered were unoccupied, they said, and no reports of robberies have been received at the sheriff's office, so the identity of their victims is unknown.

In one home they stole a radio, and in the other a shotgun and a rifle.

Yesterday evening, they went to a sheep camp on the North Bay Farms, near Sears Point, and asked for something to eat. They were fed and given a place to sleep in a wool room. Because of the guns, the camp cook decided to notify officers and Deputy Cedric Cutter at Sonoma was called.

Accompanied by Police Chief Ted Ries of Sonoma, Cutter climbed into the wool room, located in a loft. As they turned flashlights on the pair, the negro youth grabbed hold of the rifle, Cutter said.

"I told him to let go or I'd shoot, and he dropped the gun," the deputy said. Both rifle and shotgun were loaded.

Describe Cruelty

Booked at the county jail for burglary, the pair related the account of alleged cruelty in Paxton hall.

"They 'neck you out' for no reason at all," one declared, describing the necking out as the looping of a towel around the neck, with an attendant tugging on each end. "They do this until you lose consciousness," the negro declared.

"When you're bruised up from the beatings they give you, then they lock you up in a cell for two weeks and won't let the doctors see you," Turcinovich said.

Both were committed for morals offenses, Miler having been at the institution six years and Turcinovich four years. They have been at Paxton hall for only a few months, however, according to the story told officers.

Claim Clubs Hidden

"One fellow, Donald Roberts, got away and got to Sacramento, where he told some people about the way they treated him and there was an investigation. There is a double wall behind the office, where they hide the rubber hoses and clubs, and the investigators didn't find them," Miler said. He continued:

"When Roberts was sent back, one of the guards told him 'you thought you was smart telling that story in Sacramento, now I'm really going to give it to you.'

"They bent him over a bench and then beat him until he bled," the negro asserted.

Miler, who was confined in Whittier before being sent to Eldridge, said that this was the first time he had run away. "They beat me so many times since I been in Paxton Hall that I couldn't count them," he related.

"Once, I was taking a bath and talking to another kid. It was right after I first went to the hall, and I asked this kid if we were supposed to talk. He said it was all right. I finished taking my bath and started out the door when an attendant came up.

"'Don't you know you ain't supposed to talk, you———' he told me, and then he swung the club. I didn't know nothing for a long time after that."

For Turcinovich, it was his sec- the beating they gave me made both my eyes look like apples," he said.

Turcinovich said that he is the son of Mrs. Mary Turcinovich of 1726 Fifth street, Oakland.

"If we have to go back there, they'll really beat the hell out of us now," he said, "we won't be able to move for two or three weeks."

"I ain't got no people," said Mi-

Wife Claims Boxer Brings Work Home

Bob Nestell, coast prizefighter, is one of those men who takes his work home with him, according to testimony by his wife, Byrl, in a Los Angeles divorce court. Nestell's "homework" included practicing some of his socks on her, she declared. Mrs. Nestell shows (above) where her husband assertedly hit her.—(Central Press)

More S.R. Draftees Get Questionnaires

Questionnaires were sent yesterday by the Selective-Service Draft Board to 59 more draft registrants in this area. The list included:

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FAREWELL DINNER

A farewell dinner honoring Jim Robinson, son of James Robinson, Santa Rosa salesman will be held tonight by Young Democrats of Santa Rosa at the Paris Inn. Robinson is leaving Monday for Hemet, southern California, to join the training school for the U. S. Army Air Corps.

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